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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/998,837

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Title: ELECTRICAL CONTACTOR
WITH POSITIVE
TEMPERATURE
COEFFICIENT RESISTIVITY
ELEMENT

Conf. No.: 7175

Group Art: 2832

Examiner: ROJAS, Bernard

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
DATED JULY 7, 2003

TO:
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated July 7, 2003, in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse for prosecution of the subject matter covered by embodiment 2, as shown in FIG. 3, which includes claims 7-12.

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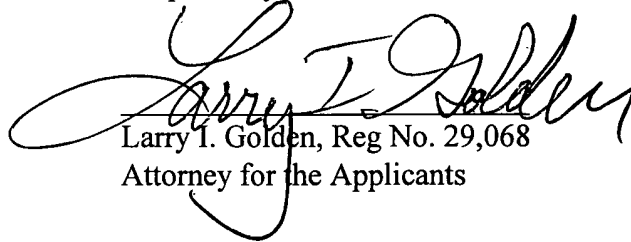
Applicants traverse the requirement with respect to embodiments 2 and 3, which are represented by FIG. 3 and 4. Embodiment 3, includes claims 13-17.

Claim 13, the only independent claim for embodiment 3, falls within the generic claim of claim 7, with the additional element of the spring strap. The spring strap negates the need for the asymmetrical blade as claimed in claim 8, to provide sequential contact.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and urge that it be withdrawn with respect to claims 7-17.

Signed at Palatine, County of Cook, Illinois, this 7th day of August, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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